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Applicant: Williamson, et al

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Title: MEANS AND METHOD OF REPLACING A HEART  
VALVE IN A MINIMALLY INVASIVE MANNER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. Section 1.132

Dear Sir:

1. George A. Keller declares as follows.

2. I am the co-inventor of the invention claimed in US  
Patent 6,042,607.

3. However, the invention that is the subject matter of  
Claims 1-20 of application serial number 09/306,448 was the  
invention of the inventors named in application serial number  
09/306,448.

4. Furthermore, the subject matter that is disclosed in US  
Patent 6,042,607 and that is claimed in claims 1-20 of  
application serial number 09/306,448 was derived from the  
inventors named in application serial number 09/306,448.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my  
own knowledge are true; that all statements made herein on  
information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that  
these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false  
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or  
imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application and any patent resulting therefrom.

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Date: 12/20/2000